Braves show flashes against Tar Heels

By Nick Phillips

The UNCP men’s bas-
ketball team took to the
court inside the Dean Smith
Center on Oct. 28 for their
first action of the 2011-2012
season, giving the No. 1-
ranked North Carolina a run
for their money in the first
half before falling 100-82 in
the exhibition contest.

The Braves grabbed the
game’s opening points and
led a 9-4 run leading sizes
through the first 16:02 of
the first half before the Tar
Heels used a pair of UNCP
turnovers to ignite a 14-0
run to go into halftime with
a 43-32 advantage.

UNCP opened the game
with a 10-2 run, the first three and a half minutes behin-

the North Carolina tied the
game at 16-16 at the 10:24
mark of the opening half.

In the first half, the Tar
Heels took their first
lead, 32-29, as the clock
ticked under three minutes
remaining that would be the
eventual halftime score for
the visitors. After the game
Carolinas run to end the
first half, Statistically, the
Braves, held a 24-21 rebounding
advantage in the first half, not
surprising that after UNCP
finished last season ranked
seventh in the nation in re-
bounding margin.

The game came to the free
three point line, where UNCP
was 7-17 for the game as the
Braves had five players with
two fouls and one with three
fouls 20 minutes of action.

In the second half, the
Tar Heels upped their pace
and defensive intensity as
they quickly pushed the lead
out to 49-34 after the first five minutes of the sec-

ond half and to 81-47 with
7:55 to go in the game.

Junior guard and presea-
son All-ACC selection Shal-
nel Brackett led the Braves
with 16 points, while senior
Marcus Heath added 10
points and a team-high four
rebounds inside for the
Braves, while freshman Ben
Jacobs notched six points and
two rebounds off the bench in
his first collegiate action.

The Braves shut 33.3
percent from the floor in
both halves, while they
were 8-for-11 from the line.

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Men’s basketball falters
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In their home first appearance of the season, the UNCP men’s bas-
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game inside the English E. Jones
Center.

Athletes in Action dominated the
game by shooting 45.8 percent
(16-of-35) from long range and
57.8 percent from the field to lead
them to the decisive victory Road
Athletes in Action on Sunday afternoon

18 points on 7-of-10 shooting from
the field, including shooting a per-
fect 5-of-5 from the three point line
and knocking down one of his two
attempts from long range. Cooper
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